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Libyan wants dialogue with U.S.

J. AVIV, April 15 (R). — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres today called for an immediate frank dialogue with the United States to work out differences between the two countries on Middle East peace talks. "Despite our differences with the U.S. over Middle East peace policies I am sure they can be reconciled," he said. He felt there was a "good chance" of the stalled Israeli-Egyptian peace talks being resumed, but it probably would come only after Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington at the end of the month.

Waldheim continues talks in Vienna on Cypriot negotiations

VIENNA, April 15 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today held a third meeting with Turkish-Cypriot envoys to discuss next steps towards reconvening inter-communal talks in Cyprus. Diplomatic sources said Mr. Waldheim was almost certain to meet the Greek-Cypriot side in Nicosia next week, provided the Greek-Cypriot side is ready to attend a fresh round of talks, recessed since 1977.

The sources said Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou told Waldheim by telephone that the Turkish-Cypriot proposals to the U.N. chief executive earlier this week, were quite a basis for resuming the inter-communal negotiations. Mr. Waldheim, who is scheduled to visit Lebanon next week, is also expected to visit Israel starting tomorrow to talk to Mr. Kyprianou to a further negotiating round here in the coming months, the sources added.

AMEL REJECTS ANY ISRAELI PRESENCE ON EGYPTIAN SOIL

J. AVIV, April 15 (R). — Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Kamel said today that Egypt would not accept Jewish settlements or Israeli military installations in its territory.

He said the issue is "unnegotiable" and "in its first place," he told reporters. Kamel has announced it was to withdraw from the peninsula to Egypt's national borders, but said it would retain Jewish settlements and airbases scattered across the desert.

Kamel said that while he kept the door open for talks with Israel, it had no intention of changing the fundamental position of the Egyptian government, a permanent, just and comprehensive settlement.

World News Roundup

Bhutto appeal is postponed 2 weeks

AWALPINDI, Pakistan, April 15 (AP). — The Pakistan Supreme Court today postponed for two weeks, until May 20, the appeal of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's appeal of his death sentence. Bhutto and four former security officials in his government were convicted of murder in the slaying of a political foe in 1974, when Bhutto was prime minister. The Lahore High Court sentenced them last month to be hanged.

West German official visit Japan, Iran

ONN, West Germany, April 15 (AP). — West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher today said he would make an official visit to Iran starting Friday for talks with the Shah and his government.

Arab steadfastness meeting in Algiers

AMASCUS, April 15 (R). — Syrian Information Minister Iskander Ahmed left for Algiers today to attend a ministerial meeting of Arab headline states on Monday. The hard-line Syria, Algeria, South Yemen, the Libyan Jamahiriyyah, the Palestine Liberation Organisation oppose Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's solo peace initiative with Israel.

Cuban official visits Damascus

AMASCUS, April 15 (R). — Deputy Cuban Foreign Minister Oscar Cordero arrived here today from New Delhi on a three-day official visit to Syria, a government official said. He will deal with national developments, especially the Arab-Israeli conflict, bilateral relations, the source added.

Ponti, Loren charged by Italian prosecutor

ROME, April 15 (R). — Italy's most famous film couple, Pier Paolo Pasolini and his actress wife Sophia Loren, have been charged with smuggling money and goods worth \$10 million into the country, according to a list of charges published today. The couple are likely to be tried in absentia because they both hold French nationality and Italy will not be able to extradite them. The charges are believed to be living in Italy with their two children. The charges have been filed by State Prosecutor Paolo Dell'Anno. He issued a warrant for the arrest of Pasolini on April 2.

Many die in Italian train crash

BOLIGNA, Italy, April 15 (R). — The Venice-Roma Express was derailed on the track in a rainstorm near Bologna today and a passenger train crashed into the wreckage, causing 17 casualties. Police said at least 40 people died and scores were injured, while many more were feared to be buried alive in the debris. "We are still trying to get through the wreckage," said a police spokesman at the scene of the crash, near the town of Monzuno about 25 kms. south of Bologna. "We are finding passengers all the time. Some are dead, some are seriously hurt."



A resident of the southern Lebanese port city of Tyre points to an unexploded Israeli bomb left over from the Israeli invasion of south Lebanon. The bomb is marked off with rope and a flag to stop children from playing with it. (AP wirephoto).

Patriotic Front accepts call to attend Rhodesia conference

DAR ES SALAAM, April 15 (R). — Rhodesian guerrilla leaders negotiating with Britain and the United States agreed today to attend an all-party conference on Rhodesia but differences remained over the Anglo-American peace plan for black majority rule.

Mr. Robert Mugabe and Mr. Joshua Nkomo, who head the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, accepted an invitation to the proposed conference in talks here with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and British Secretary David Owen. There was still dissent, however, on several key parts of the Rhodesia settlement proposals, sources said.

At the same time, the American spokesman, Mr. Hodding Carter, said the U.S. and Britain had narrowed substantive differences with the guerrilla leaders on some issues among the Anglo-American proposals for a peaceful transition to black majority rule in Rhodesia.

Unconditional acceptance by the Patriotic Front of the Anglo-American invitation to an all-party conference would mark a shift from the guerrilla leaders' previous stance. Only last night they said they would attend only if the conference were called on the basis of the Anglo-American proposals. These call for the immediate

replacement of Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith by a British resident commissioner -- a condition Mr. Smith would immediately reject.

Mr. Smith and three "moderate" black leaders inside Rhodesia have already reached their own internal settlement and have now formed an interim multi-racial government leading to black majority rule.

Mr. Smith, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirwa comprise the Executive Council of their interim government and have refused to attend any all-party conference to include the externally-based Patriotic Front.

The U.S. and British envoys here had expected the Patriotic Front to accept the Anglo-American plan at the urging of the five black front-line states which back the guerrilla war against Rhodesia.

One sticking point in the Dar Es Salaam talks, as at a similar meeting in Malta in January, concerned just who would hold power in a six-month interim period during which Rhodesia moved to black majority rule. The Patriotic Front has objected to the sweeping powers envisaged for British Resident Commissioner-designate Lord Carver.

The talks at the seafront Killimanjaro Hotel were expected to end today, Mr. Vance and Dr. Owen are to visit Salisbury on Monday for meetings with Mr. Smith and the interim multi-racial government.

them Lebanon in contradiction to "previous assurances given to us."

In a letter to Representative Paul McCloskey, Brzezinski said the State Department has communicated to the Israeli government U.S. concern over the matter.

Other officials said the United States is seeking new and tighter restrictions on Israeli use of cluster bombs which, on impact, release a hail of grenade-sized weapons, each containing hundreds of steel shrapnel. The anti-personnel weapon originally was developed for U.S. use in Vietnam. Brzezinski's letter did not specify what regulations Israel had violated. Other officials said Israel had not observed

"airtight" curbs against use of the weapon on civilian targets and in military actions short of all-out war.

McCloskey, a California Republican, had complained that cluster bombs were supplied to Israel subject to an agreement that they only be used for defensive purposes.

In a "dear colleague" letter to all House members dated Monday, McCloskey expressed particular concern about the Israeli use of cluster bombs against civilian targets.

Israeli embassy officials denied that the weapon was used in such a manner, claiming that the targets were "entrenched artillery" of Palestinian forces, firing into northern Galilee.

Doubts on army morale face new Israeli chief of staff

TEL AVIV, April 15 (R). — A new chief of staff takes command of the Israeli army tomorrow at a time when military morale is smarting over criticism at home and abroad of last month's invasion of south Lebanon.

The outgoing chief, Lt. Gen. Mordechai Gur, himself took over exactly four years ago when the army was demoralized by political and military mistakes connected with the 1973 October war.

His successor, Maj. Gen. Raphael (Rafael) Eitan, will have to cope with what has been widely interpreted as a drop in discipline among Israeli troops. This drop in discipline has been widely attributed to doubts about the wisdom of the Lebanon action and to doubts Prime Minister Menachem Begin's hardline insistence on Jewish rights in occupied Arab lands.

Two incidents during the southern Lebanese campaign illustrate the disciplinary problems with which Gen. Eitan will have to deal. Six soldiers and a civilian took an army vehicle on a sightseeing tour and ran into a Palestinian ambush near the port city of Tyre. Four were killed and one captured, with only two managing to return to Israeli-held territory.

The "joy-ride" was described by Cabinet Secretary Arye Naveh as a clear breach of army discipline.

Shortly afterwards two soldiers were killed and others wounded when an unauthorized soldier drove a half-track personnel carrier off a hilltop. He had not been trained to drive such a vehicle.

That incident was also described by the Israeli army radio as a flagrant breach of discipline. The radio also said the soldiers in the vehicle were not wearing their mandatory helmets.

In press interviews Gen. Gur has also referred to looting by Israeli forces in southern Lebanon, saying the men involved would be court-martialed.

Private doubts

The Israeli army has always prided itself on its unusual form of discipline, with soldiers obeying orders explicitly while calling senior officers by their first names.

Today, many young Israelis, whether in the regular army or in the reserves, say they will have no hesitation in fighting for the defence of the country.

But many admit in private conversation they might have doubts if called on to defend what the government calls Israeli rights in the occupied West Bank.

A recent mass rally in Tel Aviv under the slogan "peace now" was addressed by a group of reserve officers.

They carefully refrained from personal attacks on Mr. Begin, but all said they would be far happier if they knew they would be called up to defend Israel and not to fight

for Jewish villages of doubtful military value in northern Sinai or the occupied West Bank.

Israeli chiefs of staff have usually been replaced, even if they have not completed their allotted three-year term of office, following a war or a major military operation.

The philosophy underlying this change has been put at the head of the army a man with new ideas, differing from those of the man replaced, whose tactics would certainly be carefully analysed by the enemy.

Gen. Gur remained as chief of staff a year beyond his original three-year appointment. But last November, following publication of a press interview in which he expressed doubts about the peaceful intentions of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's planned visit to Jerusalem, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman demanded his replacement.

Relations between the two men have been described as strained from the start, and it is doubtful if Gen. Gur would have remained in his post for long, even without that interview.

His replacement, Gen. Eitan, is known as a strict disciplinarian and a man not well disposed towards the press. The Foreign Press Association in Israel, hearing of his appointment, named a special watchdog committee to keep an eye on relations between the press and the army after his takeover.

Lebanese, Syrians confer on moves to stabilise security

BEIRUT, April 15 (R). — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis conferred here today with an envoy of Syrian President Hafez Assad sent after five days of fighting in southeastern Beirut which involved Syrian troops. An uneasy calm continued in the area for the second day.

The fighting involved rightist militia in the predominantly Christian district of Ain Rummaneh, leftists in the neighbouring Moslem Shiyah district and Syrian regulars trying to enforce peace. The Syrians provided the bulk of a 30,000-strong Arab League peace force policing Lebanon's civil war zone.

At least 50 people were killed and 250 wounded in the five days of fighting. Hospital sources said they feared the death toll could rise. Some of the wounded were hit by shrapnel and were in a critical condition.

The rightists have accused the peace force of high-handed action in shelling Ain Rummaneh. The peace force said it was firing at snipers.

The Syrian president's envoy, Brig. Mohammad Al Kholi, was accompanied by the commander of the Arab peace force, Lt. Col. Sami Al Khatib, at his meeting with the Lebanese leader.

A Syrian government spokesman said in Damascus yesterday that Syria did not interfere in the actions of the 30,000-man peace force and that the force received its orders from the Lebanese authorities.

Former President Camille Chamoun, leader of the "Lebanese Front" of the main rightist forces, postponed for 48 hours a statement he was to have made today on the shelling of Ain Rummaneh.

The rightwing Phalangist radio said Brig. Kholi later called on Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayel and discussed the situation with him. Syrian envoy as saying he had

The broadcast quoted the Syrian message dealt with stabilising the security situation.

In reply to a question, Brig. Kholi said the Arab peace force was at the disposal of President Sarkis.

South is quiet

In Tel Aviv, Gen. Emmanuel Erskine of Ghana, commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), said today that all was quiet in south Lebanon now and Israeli settlers on the border could resume normal life and stay out of their shelters.

In an interview broadcast by the English language service

of Israel Radio, Gen. Erskine denied that the Palestinian guerrillas were moving back into south Lebanon on the heels of the Israeli withdrawal.

The speed of U.N. forces' deployment in south Lebanon depended upon the rate at which the units arrived in the region, Gen. Erskine said.

In Toulouse, France, a contingent of 400 French army parachute commandos assembled Saturday to join the 600 French soldiers already deployed as members of the United Nations force in south Lebanon.

At the United Nations in New York, Iran, which already has about 200 troops serving with the U.N. force in Lebanon, has offered to send in another battalion, provided Israel withdraws in accordance with a resolution passed last month by the Security Council.

Red Brigades sentence Aldo Moro to death

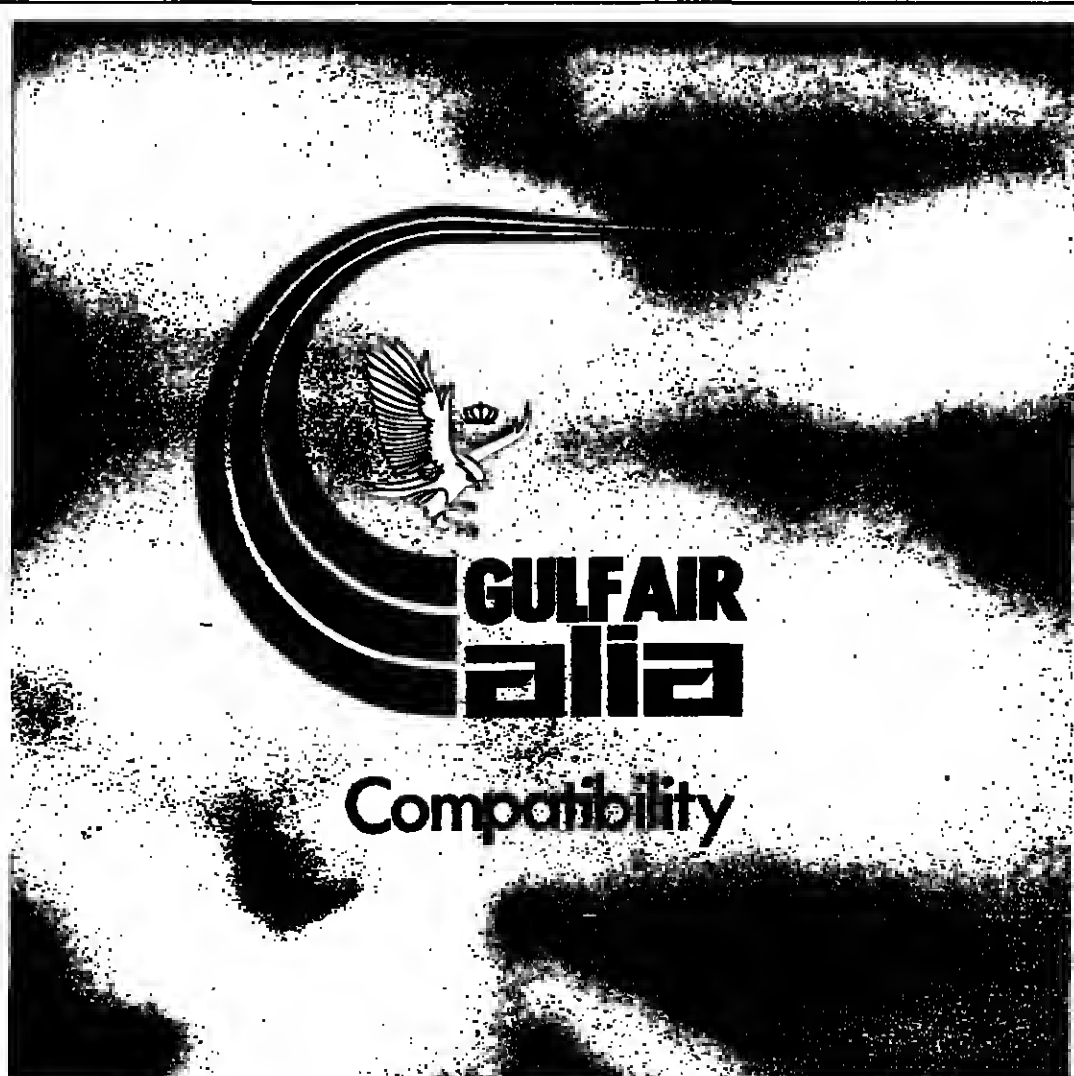
TURIN, April 15 (R). — The Red Brigades guerrilla group said in a communique issued here tonight that it had completed the trial of kidnapped former Italian Premier Aldo Moro and had sentenced him to death.

The communique, picked up by police and reporters after anonymous calls to local media, said: "The interrogation of Aldo Moro is finished. There is no doubt, Aldo Moro is guilty and for that he is sentenced to death," it added.

The bureau chief of the Italian news agency Ansa in Turin, who received the communique tonight, said: "It is authentic." The communique, released in Turin, Milan and Genoa, was the sixth issued by the Brigades since they kidnapped Signor Moro in Rome 36 days ago.

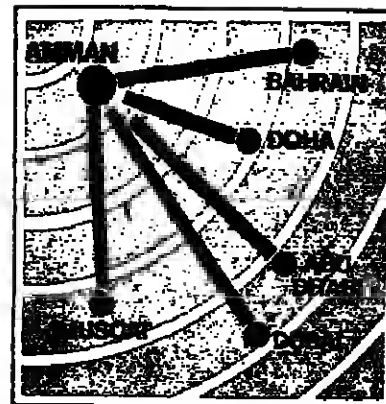
The Brigades had said they were putting the former premier on trial in his "people's prison" for his 30 years as "a political godfather."

(See earlier story, page 6).



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Dean of Foreign Service School says in interview

Centre for Arab Studies at Georgetown contributes to U.S. appreciation of Arab World

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, April 15 — A high-powered professorial delegation from the Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies, at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., is in Jordan this week to generate more Arab support for the Centre and to seek to build on the supporting activities that have been spearheaded in the Arab World by private companies in Jordan.

Mr. Peter Krogh, Dean of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Centre, told the Jordan Times in an interview here this week that a major goal of the three-year-old Centre is to "spread out support and funding throughout the Arab World," with a particular interest in setting non-governmental institutions and groups to provide support for the Centre, as has already been done by two major Jordanian institutions, the national airline Alia and the Amman-based Arab Bank.

Mr. Krogh is accompanied on this week-long trip by the Executive Director of the Centre, Dr. Michael Hudson, a prominent American expert on Middle East politics, and Dr. Hisham Sharabi, a distinguished Palestinian scholar and historian, who is also editor of the Journal of Palestine Studies.

Making up for historic deficiency

The university-wide Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies was established "to make up for a historic deficiency in American studies on the contemporary, as opposed to the purely historic, aspects of the Arab World," Dr. Hudson said. While there are many other Middle East studies programmes throughout the United States, this is the only one with a contemporary orientation.

The Centre has been offering a "certificate" of Arab studies to undergraduate students at Georgetown University, but this year it starts offering a full two-year Masters of Art programme.

The first class of some 20 students working for their MA at the Centre will enter this September, which will probably accelerate the already active programme of public affairs, discussions, seminars, publications, exchange study programmes and general research that is carried out under the aegis of the Centre.

The Centre has received much of its financing to date from contributions from the Arab World, both grants from individual countries (such as Oman, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and, most recently, Jordan); donations from private groups in the Arab World notably Alia and the Arab Bank to date, and private companies in the United States with a particular interest in the Arab World, such as oil companies or contractors with extensive interests in the Middle East.

Mr. Ali Ghandour, the Chairman of Alia, is also a member of the Centre's advisory council, and it was at his invitation that the three-man delegation has made this week's trip here, where they have met with His Majesty King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan, Upper House Speaker Bahjat Talhouk, and other public and private sector personalities.

Fair share of hassles

The Centre has received some questioning in the United States because it receives financial support from Arab sources, Dean Krogh says that "there has been some criticism of the concept of Arab studies, as opposed to Middle East studies, but we have been able to maintain our belief that the fact of a clearly identifiable Arab world and defined Arab area and people, and we have also been challenged in our funding sources, with people claiming that we cannot be objective in our academic work if we are being funded by the people who are the object of our studies. But we do not accept that premise. We've had more than our fair share of hassles."

"There is a growing appreciation in the United States for the Arab World, and we see ourselves as being contributory to that general phenomenon. As a whole in the United States, there is a growing societal interest in this region, and we see the Centre's role over time as helping bring about an improved understanding between the United States and the Arab World," Dean Krogh says.

This is done in Georgetown by teaching, research and the very active public affairs programme, and will be spread into the Arab World increasingly over the coming years with an escalating exchange programme of students and faculty with Arab universities.



His Majesty King Hussein watches a display at a graduation ceremony for marine units of the Royal Guard Brigade and the Coast Guard in Aqaba Saturday held under his patronage. During the ceremony, the King heard a briefing on the special training course the unit has just completed. This included diving, water skiing and other related activities. The King also watched exercises performed by the graduates and later distributed diplomas and prizes to the graduates. The ceremony was attended by a number of high ranking army officers and several officials.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI observed Saturday that the Middle East crisis continues to receive top priority in the international endeavour to find a settlement by persuading Israel to come to terms with the requirements of peace. But, it is regrettable, the newspaper adds, that the Arabs seem to be unaware of these international peace efforts at a time when Israel continues to "swallow up Arab lands piecemeal, while the Arab reaction does not go beyond hollow statements of denunciation."

Hence Jordan's latest move focussed on the importance of first building up the Arabs' own power before taking up the unending Arab differences.

AL DUSTOUR welcomes King Hussein's instructions for setting up a Jordanian National Consultative Council, which "although it does not enjoy the privileges and jurisdiction of a parliament, it will be a very important step towards revival of parliamentary life in Jordan which was brought to a standstill as a result of the 1967 disaster and the events which followed."

The newspaper urges the government to encourage free discussion inside the consultative council, because "it will be the first to derive an advantage from the interaction of opinions and viewpoints." It says that without this guarantee, the council might become a carbon copy of the government's way of thinking and a mere symbolic and hollow skeleton.

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ILO information chief due here to follow up idea for film on Jordan

AMMAN, April 15 (JT). — Chief of the Public Information Bureau of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Office in Geneva, Mr. Kyriel Tidmarsh, arrives here tomorrow to follow up an idea for a film on United Nations activities in Jordan.

Mr. Tidmarsh will be accompanied by Dr. Stosic, president of the association of correspondents accredited to the United Nations at Geneva. The two will be on a brief visit to Jordan at the invitation of His Highness Prince Hassan, extended last June when the Prince was keynote speaker at the International Labour Conference in Geneva.

Mr. Tidmarsh will be meeting Prince Hassan to discuss the film during his stay here.

Mr. Tidmarsh will also be discussing the project for the film -- which will portray Jordan's image as a rapidly developing country through the perspective of the activities of the United Nations here -- with Mr. Shukri Dajani, Regional Information officer, of the ILO for Arab Countries.

Mr. Dajani arrived in Amman today partly on a routine follow-up mission during which he will be meeting with officials of the Ministry of Information, Jordan T.V., Radio Jordan and the news media.

National News Roundup

Princess Basma opens bazaar

SUWELLEH, April 15 (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Basma this afternoon opened a spring bazaar and display of handicrafts made by the handicapped, at the Swedish Personal Relief Institute here. Princess Basma told officials of the institute that the Queen Alia Fund for Social Work wanted to establish cooperation with the Swedish institute with a view of benefitting from the institution's long experience.

Agriculture minister meets visiting Australian official

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — Minister of Agriculture, Salah Juma' today met with the visiting director of agriculture in South Australia and discussed with him ways of cooperation between Jordan and Australia in agriculture, including technical training and the exchange of expertise. The minister also briefed the Australian official on progress in the rain-fed agricultural project now being carried out in the Irbid Governorate. The meeting was attended by the under-secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and department heads. The Australian visitor arrived in Jordan yesterday on a visit lasting several days during which he will tour a number of agricultural projects.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL, AMMAN WARNING

If you wait till after the Tawjiih results are it will be almost impossible to get a place in a government college in Britain this year. If you wish to study in Britain, you should try to find a place now. Information is given at the British Council Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 12 noon.

Those who apply late will probably be able to get places only in the more expensive private colleges.

GOETHE INSTITUTE AMMAN

The piano concert to be given by

HANS THUERWAECHTER

on Monday, April 17, 7.30 p.m.
at the Haya Arts Centre has been cancelled.

Economic development needs peace, Prince Hassan tells visiting U.S. war college team

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today met a visiting delegation from the U.S. National War College, Washington D.C.

At the meeting, held at the Royal Scientific Society, the Prince briefed the delegation on economic and social projects in Jordan's development plans. He also spoke of the different economic difficulties the country had to face following the 1967 Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

"The Middle East region must have a true and just peace so that economic progress can be achieved," the Crown Prince said.

The delegation consists of

one professor and 14 officers attending the National War College, an institution for training senior staff officers. Annual visits abroad form part of the teaching programme the college to provide staff officers with first hand knowledge of different countries.

The meeting was attended by the American Ambassador Thomas Pickering and Director General of the Royal Scientific Society Dr. Albert Butros.

Earlier, the Commander in Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker received the members of the delegation at his office and addressed them on the organisation and evolution of the Jordanian armed forces.

Refugees protest to Waldheim over UNRWA cutbacks

AMMAN, April 15 (R). — Representatives of Palestinian refugees in Jordan today complained against the planned reduction in the educational facilities and food rations supplied by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

In a memorandum addressed to the United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, distributed here today, they described the planned reduction as "a stab and a link in the chain of conspiracies -- aimed at our steadfastness and insistence on restoring our rights."

The memorandum said that UNRWA wanted to close down preparatory classes in its schools, which would "throw out about 35,000 school children and render some 1,000 teachers jobless."

"This is a brand of shame to humanity," the refugees said.

They charged that the agency had taken its budget deficit as a pretext for the planned reduction and called on Dr. Waldheim to make all possible efforts to maintain the standards by which it operated so far, "which are minimal."

Economic and Business News

Jordan, Iraq discuss promoting trade exchange

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — Discussion for increasing and promoting trade exchanges between Jordan and Iraq began at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce here today. The possibility of raising the import quotas for the Jordanian and Iraqi trade centres was also debated. Sources at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce said the two sides formed two working committees to negotiate increasing and encouraging trade exchange and overcoming difficulties in meeting the import quotas of the two trade centres. The Jordanian team in these talks was led by Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Dr. Hashem Dabbas and the Iraqi team by Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce Dr. Mahdi Al 'Ubaidi. Earlier in the morning, the Iraqi delegation was received by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Dr. Najmeddine Dajani.

Wheat deal with U.S. amended

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — An amended wheat agreement between the governments of Jordan and the United States was signed at the Ministry of Supply here today. Under the amended agreement, concluded last January, the United States will provide Jordan with an additional 3,500 tons of wheat, raising the total to 53,500 tons for the fiscal year 1978. The agreement provides that the United States will finance purchase of the wheat, valued at \$6.3 million in the form of a loan payable within 20 years at two per cent profit for the first and second years and three per cent for the remaining years. The agreement was signed for Jordan by Minister of Supply Marwan Al Qasim and for the United by Ambassador Thomas Pickering. An official source at the Ministry of Supply said the ministry will sell the wheat to local mills and consumers in Jordanian currency. Revenues will go toward financing development projects in rural areas.

Jordanian-Syrian Customs Committee to iron out bugs in unified customs indices

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — The joint Jordanian-Syrian Customs Committee will meet in Amman on Tuesday, the under-secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Customs said here today. He said that the committee will iron out problems arising from the application of the unified indices for customs duties imposed on raw materials employed in similar industries in both countries.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Books Exhibit

The third exhibition of children's books is now running at the King Hussein Club on Jabal Amman. The exhibition is on for one week until Friday 21st.

Art Exhibition

An exhibition of paintings by artist Awad Shattawi is on display at the teachers training institute in Salt. The exhibition ends Sunday evening.

مكتبة الرمال

Jordan's industrial training centres try various approaches to cope with growing demand for skilled manpower

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 15 — The number of people being enrolled for industrial training in Jordan will double within three years, the Director of Technical Education, Mr. Munther Masri, said.

To accommodate this expansion, five secondary technical schools, ten trade training centres and one polytechnic will be built by 1980. In addition to this a new program of in-plant apprenticeship training is likely to be greatly expanded.

According to Jordan's Five Year Plan, the country needs more than 100,000 people by 1980. "The most critical need is for people trained to technical level," Mr. Masri said.

Graduates of a polytechnic and secondarily for people trained to the slightly lower level. Hence the great importance of technical training.

Between 1976 and 1980, 30 people should pass through two-year technical training courses in Jordan. In existing industrial schools there is an intake of 2,500 students for the year 1977/8.

There are two sorts of industrial training schools in Jordan at the moment. The trade training centres run two-year courses for students who have completed their nine years of compulsory education. The emphasis at the centres is heavily on practical work and the students are able to qualify at "skilled labour" level after a couple of years' experience in industry. There are also technical secondary schools, which offer a rather broader education over three years, which train to craftsman level.

Apprenticeship schemes are also being introduced. "If you want to become a technician, you will not go to a technical school," Mr. Masri said. "You will probably be trained by apprenticeship in the trade."

He said the first co-operative years sweeping up the floor and making the tea. It is a very efficient system. "While the Ministry of Education pursues its plans to expand technical education with formal institutions, a new institution, independent of the ministry, has been set up to encourage on-the-spot apprenticeship training."

This is the third and last part of a series on vocational training in Jordan.



Some of the growing number of young Jordanians undergoing industrial training are taught to handle a machine at a centre in Amman.

\$20 m will be spent on Aqaba training complex, second polytechnic at Zarqa

A joint tender will be put out by the end of May this year for the so-called Second Educational Project, which is expected to cost about \$20 million in all.

The project includes a training complex at Aqaba, which will house a technical secondary school, a trade training centre and facilities for in-plant training. Among the subjects which the Aqaba centre plans to offer are industrial electricity, climatology, refrigeration, automotive, instrumentation and control.

Also included in the package is Jordan's second polytechnic which will be sited at Zarqa and offer courses in textiles and food technology among other things. A hotel school is planned for Amman, with an expected 310 graduates a year. A rural development centre in the Jordan Valley, three comprehensive schools and 16 "additions" to existing schools, are also included in the project.

The World Bank is putting up a loan of \$6 million to help finance the project. It is planned to have all the institutions in operation by September 1980.

The Ministry of Education is planning to expand technical education with formal institutions, a new institution, independent of the ministry, has been set up to encourage on-the-spot apprenticeship training.

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Coming & Going...

Omani economic delegation arrives

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — A three-man Omani economic delegation led by Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Finance in Muscat, Mohammad Musa, arrived here today on a four-day visit to Jordan. The delegation later met with Minister of Finance, Mohammad Dahhas and then discussed financial cooperation with a Jordanian team headed by Under-Secretary of the Finance Ministry Farhi Obaid.

U. of J. official back from food conference in Kuwait

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — Deputy head of the Geography Section at the University of Jordan Dr. Hassan Abdul Qader has returned here after taking part in a conference on food problems in the Arab World held in Kuwait last week. Participants in the five-day conference discussed some 45 subjects which covered all aspects of food production in the Arab World.

U.S. Anglican Church leaders in Jordan

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — A group comprising the heads of a number of Anglican churches in the United States arrived here today for a several day visit to Jordan. The group came here from Egypt where they started a fact-finding tour of the Middle East. During their stay in Jordan the members of the group will tour a number of archeological and touristic sites and will meet with a number of officials.

Delegates from Arab capitals, U.N. to attend conference here

CAIRO, April 15 (JNA). — The Arab Cities Organisation will hold a conference here on July 17 to discuss problems of Arab cities and the development of Arab cities. Participants in the conference will include representatives of Arab capitals, ministries of education, social affairs and youth departments as well as university professors, and delegates from the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef).

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U.S. dollars	307.00/309.00
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Swiss franc	163.10/164.10
French franc	67.30/67.70
Italian lire (for every 100)	35.90/36.10
Japanese yen (for every 100)	140.30/141.10
Dutch guilder	141.80/142.70
Belgian franc (for every ten)	97.10/97.70
Swedish crown	67.00/67.40

Experts meet to draft plan for integrating West Asian women in development process

By Alan Marthy
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 15 — A five-day preparatory meeting for the Regional Conference for Arab Women was opened here today by Mr. Assam Aljouni, Minister of Labour. The meeting, attended by delegates from seven Arab countries, the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA), is being held in preparation for the regional conference scheduled to be held in Amman from May 28 to June 3. Delegates at today's Expert Group Meeting elected officers and discussed a Draft Proposal, presented by the ECWA Secretary for a Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women in Development in the Countries of Western Asia.

Mrs. Inam Mufti, former head of Jordan's Department for Women's Affairs and president of today's meeting, said "the aim of the conference is to prepare a concrete plan of practical action for improving women's role in development."

"We aim to devise practical action-oriented programmes which can be put into effect, not merely guidelines," she said.

According to Mrs. Mufti the plan of action will cover the 14 Arab nations in the ECWA region.

Mrs. Mufti said, "the Regional Conference for Arab Women was initiated by a combination of the U.N. Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, ECWA and the Jordanian government."

Mrs. Lena Hamadi, the U.N. delegate, said that originally the meeting was to be held in Beirut but due to the political situation in Lebanon it was moved to Amman. The Lebanese delegates were not present, she noted.

Miss Hamadi said that the delegates representing each country were experts and heads of women's organisations best representing the views of their government.

Countries involved in the preparatory meeting are Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, Palestine and Iraq.

Prince Hassan addresses American clergymen on obstacles to M.E. peace



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan meets with visiting U.S. clergymen in his office at the Royal Hashemite Court Saturday.

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — The settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict depends on Israel's recognising the right of Palestinians to self-determination and its withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan told a group of U.S. clergymen who represent 40 million American Christians.

against the American sale of arms to Egypt and Saudi Arabia as two examples.

On Jordan's point of view on a Middle East settlement, His Highness explained that Jordan does not have a working plan but that a settlement to the problem lies in Israeli withdrawal and in removing the Israeli settlements from Arab lands, giving the Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip the right to self-determination and to return to their lands or receive compensation for them.

The Prince then spoke about Arab-Israeli peaceful coexistence.

He said that the Palestinians must not be made to pay for Europe's persecution of the Jews, Israel is oppressing the people in the occupied lands through deportation, Israeli domination of the economy of the occupied territories, the Judaization of school curricula and freezing Islamic laws, Prince Hassan added.

The group of clergymen, who came from Cairo after meeting President Anwar Sadat, will leave for West Bank tomorrow and are expected to meet Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin on Tuesday.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	4,116	6.600	6.650
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	375	15.000	15.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	1,768	15.650	15.650
*Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	32	1.100	1.150
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	1,218	1.300	1.250
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5.000	551	7.250	7.350
Rafia Industrial Co.	JD 5.000	325	—	3.250

Total volume traded, Sunday, April 15: JD 7,385

*50 per cent of share capital paid.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	Channel 3:
5:30 Quran	7:30 Survival
5:45 Cartoons	8:30 Arabic series
6:00 I dream of Jeanie	8:30 Wrestling
6:30 The Waltons	8:30 The good life
6:30 News in Arabic	9:00 Quincey
10:15 One-hour feature film	10:00 News in English
11:15 News in Arabic	

RADIO JORDAN

7:30 Sign-on	14:10 Music
7:30 Morning Show	14:30 Rubayat Khayyam
7:30 News Bulletin	15:00 Concert Hour
7:40 Morning Show	15:00 Pedagogical Pop
10:00 News Headlines	16:15 Kallia and Dima
10:30 Jordan in History	17:30 Pop Session
11:00 Sign-off	18:30 News Summary
12:00 Sign-on and News Headlines	18:30 30 Minutes of Jazz
12:03 Pop Session	18:30 News Bulletin
13:00 News Summary	19:10 News Reports
13:30 Pop Session	19:30 Sign-off
14:00 News	

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BBC RADIO

13:45	Saudi Jones Requests
14:30	The Burka Way
15:00	News: News Summary
15:15	News: Commentary
16:00	Our Own Correspondent
16:15	Up at the Villa
16:45	News: Book Choice
17:00	My Music
17:15	17:45 Sports Call
18:00	News: News about Britain
18:15	Radio Newsweek
18:30	Childbirth
19:00	Radio Theatre
19:45	Am I too Loud?
20:00	News: Commentary
20:15	Europe
20:30	Banners and Bonnets
21:00	Letterbox
21:15	How to be a Musician
21:45	Theatre: Opinions, Answers, Science, Cultural, Letters
22:00	News: Our Own Correspondent
22:35	Notes from an Observer: Reflections
22:45	Sportscall
23:00	News: Commentary
23:15	Letter from America
23:30	Short Story
23:30	Children's

VOICE OF AMERICA

17:30	Alyssa, News Summary
18:00	Dateline
18:30	Special English, News, Feature: Space and Man, News Summary
19:00	Music USA (Standard)
19:30	News Roundup, Reports, Actualities, Opinions, Alyssa, News Summary
20:00	VOA Magazine, Americana, Science, Cultural, Letters
20:30	Special English: News, Actualities, Opinions, Alyssa, News Summary
21:00	VOA World Report
21:30	Made in USA Quiz
22:00	News ... newscasters' voices ... background reports ...

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	Departures:
7:30 Kuwait	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
7:40 Jeddah	8:55 Cairo (EA)
7:50 Cairo (EA)	9:00 Beirut
8:10 Doha (AZ)	9:00 Rome (AZ)
8:15 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ-GF)	9:00 Frankfurt
8:40 Riyadh (SDI)	10:00 Rome
10:30 Ravalpindi (BA)	10:30 Athens
11:15 Beirut	11:00 Riyadh, Dhahran (SDI)
11:20 Kuwait (KAC)	11:30 London (BA)
11:30 Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva	12:30 Kuwait (KAC)
17:30 Athens, Larnaca, Sofia, Cultural Centre	13:30 Cairo
18:30 London, Paris	13:30 Baghdad
18:30 Rome	20:30 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ-GF)
18:35 Paris, Beirut (AF)	20:30 Bahrain, Bangkok (RJ-GF)
18:45 Cairo	22:00 Kuwait (KAC)
19:15 Frankfurt	22:00 Dhahran
20:00 Beirut (MEA)	00:45 Dubai (AZ)
20:30 Rome (AZ)	

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Russian Youth City	39341
Y.W.C.A.	41793
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University of Jordan Library	36111
Claret Museum	36191
Poldere Museum	36191

JORDAN TELEVISION -- MONDAY

Channel 3 & 6:	Channel 3:
5:30 Quran	7:30 Life and Health
5:45 Cartoons	8:30 Arabic series
6:00 I dream of Jeanie	8:30 Reportage
6:30 The Waltons	8:30 News in Hebrew
6:30 News in Arabic	7:45 Film
10:15 Barakat	8:30 The Race trade
11:00 News in Arabic	9:10 William Shakespeare
	10:00 News in English

RADIO JORDAN -- MONDAY

7:30 Sign-on	14:10 Music
7:30 Morning Show	14:30 Happy Journey
7:30 News Bulletin	15:00 Concert Hour
7:40 Morning Show	16:00 Pop Session
10:00 News Headlines	17:00 Songs for you
10:30 Jordan in History	17:30 Pop Session
11:00 Sign-off	18:00 News Summary
12:00 Sign-on and News Headlines	18:03 Melody Time
12:03 Pop Session	18:30 Special Feature
13:00 News Summary and Pop	18:30 News Bulletin
14:00 News Bulletin	19:30 Sign-off

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Amman:	Ambassador (60516)
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Irbid:	Sabbagh (23157)
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Zarqa:	Omar (52707)
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British trade deficit figures accent fears over future prospects

LONDON, April 15 (AP). — Britain has announced its second-largest monthly trade deficit of the year, underlying growing fears in the business community about the country's economic prospects. The Department of Trade yesterday reported that Britain had a visible trade deficit for March of £264 million (about \$488 million).

The figures were much worse than the financial community expected. But the Labour government described them as "erratic and bad" and said that no conclusions should be drawn from one month.

The figures come just three days after the government announced its budget for the new fiscal year. The budget cut taxes to reflate the economy by £2.5 billion, (around \$4.62 billion). But the package fell short of what was hoped for by the unions and industrialists.

Britain entered March with a visible trade surplus of £20 million (\$148 million) from February.

But exports fell by £169 million (\$31.6 million) to £2.83 billion pounds (\$5.23 billion), while imports jumped £175

million pounds (\$323.7 million) to a record £3.1 billion pounds (\$5.7 billion).

The resulting deficit is partially offset by an estimated £100-million (\$185-million) surplus on invisible items such as shipping, banking and tourism. March's trade performance is the worst since last July,

More oil hits French coast

BREST, France April 15 (AP). — More than 96 kms. of Brittany beaches have been affected by a new onslaught of crude oil from the wrecked supertanker Amoco Cadiz during the past 24 hours, the French navy said yesterday. Between Portail and Plouescat, beaches cleaned only recently of the oil spilled after the March 17 wreck were inundated for the second time and littered with the remains of thousands of fish and seabirds killed by the pollution. High winds and heavy seas shifted the oil slick back towards the coast after it had drifted far out to sea. Two French army battalions have now joined several thousands soldiers already at work cleaning the polluted beaches.

Settlement of U.S. coal miners' strike seen as inflationary

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP). — The new American coal miners' contract is inflationary, will raise most home electric bills and increase the cost of steel products, the Carter administration's wage-price monitoring agency said yesterday.

The Council on Wage and Price Stability said the three-year, 37 per cent increase in wages and benefits won by the United Mine Workers Union in the strike settlement is costly. However, it said some big increases were needed to attract new workers into the industry.

In another report, the Federal Reserve Board said American industrial production rose sharply last month despite the coal strike, which ended on March 27. The output of the nation's mines, factories and utilities rose 1.6 per cent, the biggest jump since March 1977, and a sign the winter slump may be ending.

Among a host of other developments marking the end of the week, during which President Jimmy Carter announced new inflation-fighting initiatives, were these:

The Commerce Department reported that businesses increased their inventories by \$2.5 billion in February, but they were selling goods at a faster rate.

Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal and presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell denied reports that Carter is considering reducing his proposed \$25-billion tax cut. There was a sharp boost in prices on the New York Stock Exchange amid heavy trading that broke volume records. However, analysts said no single factor accounted for the increase.

In its report to the president, the wage-price council said the biggest impact of the coal settlement will be on two major users of the energy resource — electric utilities and the steel industry.

The cost of producing steel will increase \$2.09 per ton, or 0.5 per cent, in the first year, and \$3.85 over three years, the report said.

"Much of the cost resulted from the bankrupt condition of the health and benefit funds," it said. "Coal production in recent years has been expanding rapidly, and larger-than-average wage rate increases were needed to attract new workers into the industry."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

National League champions score win

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP). — Left-hander Tommy John limited Atlanta to six hits and Ron Cey drove in two runs yesterday as the defending National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers opened their home season with a 5-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

John had the Braves hitting the ball on the ground most of the day. The Los Angeles outfield recorded only four putouts.

Cey gave the Dodgers a 1-0 lead in the first inning with an infield hit, driving home Dave Lopes with an unearned run. Reggie Smith and Cey opened the sixth with consecutive doubles, knocking out Atlanta starter Dick Ruthven and making it 3-1.

Rick Monday's third homer of the season in the second inning and run-scoring singles by Steve Harvey and Dusty Baker in the sixth and eighth innings produced Los Angeles' other runs. Gary Matthews accounted for Atlanta's only run with a home run in the fourth.

In other National League day action, Larry Bittner slugged a home run on the first pitch in the ninth inning to lead the Chicago Cubs past the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-4.

Lenny Randle double home the tie-breaking run in the 10th inning as the New York Mets spoiled the Montreal Expos' home opener with a 3-2 decision.

In the American League, Jim Rice's run-scoring single with two out in the 10th led Boston Red Sox to a 5-4 triumph over the Texas Rangers in Fenway Park's 66th home opener.

Lee May's two-run single capped a five-run Baltimore rally in the third inning as the previously winless Orioles snapped a five-game losing streak with a 6-5 triumph over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Roy Howell's fourth hit of the game keyed a six-run Toronto sixth inning as the Blue Jays defeated the Detroit Tigers 10-8. Craig Kusick drove in five runs as the Minnesota Twins routed the Seattle Mariners 14-5.

In National League night action, Jose Canel drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk in the ninth, leading Philadelphia to a 4-3 triumph over St. Louis.

Run-scoring singles by Pete Rose, George Foster and Dan Driessen plus Johnny Bench's home run helped Cincinnati to an 8-4 victory over Houston and San Francisco edged San Diego 3-2 with a two-run rally in the ninth capped by Terry Whitfield's sacrifice fly.

In the American League, Paul Splittortz scattered six hits through seven innings and Hal McRae cracked his second home run of the season as Kansas City beat Cleveland 3-1 and Oakland nipped California 2-1 on Wayne Gross' tie-breaking home run in the seventh inning.

Baseball standings and results after Friday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	5	1	.833	—
Detroit	4	2	.667	1
Boston	3	3	.500	2
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2 1/2
New York	2	4	.333	3
Toronto	2	4	.333	3
Baltimore	1	5	.167	4
WEST:				
Kansas City	4	1	.800	1/2
Oakland	4	2	.667	—
California	5	3	.625	1
Chicago	4	2	.667	1
Minnesota	5	5	.500	2
Texas	2	4	.333	3
Seattle	2	8	.200	5

Friday's games:
Toronto 10, Detroit 8
Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 5
Boston 5, Texas 4, 10 innings
Minnesota 14, Seattle 5
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 1
Oakland 2, California 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
New York	5	3	.625	—
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	1/2
St. Louis	4	3	.571	1/2
Chicago	4	3	.571	1/2
Montreal	2	4	.333	2
Pittsburgh	2	5	.286	2 1/2
WEST:				
Cincinnati	7	1	.875	—
Los Angeles	5	2	.714	1 1/2
San Francisco	4	3	.571	2 1/2
San Diego	2	4	.333	3 1/2
Houston	2	6	.250	5
Atlanta	1	5	.167	5

Friday's games:
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 4
New York 3, Montreal 2
Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 8, Houston 4
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 3, San Diego 2

Israeli cost of living up

TEL AVIV, April 15 (R). — Israel's cost of living index climbed 3.7 per cent in March, the highest rise in four months. A Central Bureau of Statistics spokesman said the index had risen by 50 per cent in the past 12 months, and by over 27 per cent since the government introduced a floating Israeli pound at the end of October. The spokesman forecast similar increases during the coming months due to an increase in government service fees.

Weekly Wall Street Report: Sharp rises follow sudden fervour

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP). — The long-depressed stock market, suddenly infused with enthusiasm, erupted this past week in a powerful rally that broke trading-volume records at the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials climbed 25.55 points to 795.13 for its sharpest weekly rise this year.

The biggest chunk of that rise — 19.92 points — came yesterday in the heaviest trading in New York Stock Exchange history.

Volume for the day reached 52.28 million shares, eclipsing the previous record of 44.51 million set on Feb. 20, 1976.

The full week's turnover of 160.07 million shares was the

heaviest since late February two years ago.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index joined in the festivities with a 1.69 rise to 51.93. And the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index, already at a 4 1/2-year high as the week began, picked up another 2.88 to 134.89.

Some of the market's most memorable rallies have come as reactions to dramatic news events. The Dow posted its biggest single-day gain on record, a 32.93-point rise, on an August Monday a few years ago after then-President Nixon had made a Sunday night television appearance to announce a new economic program that included a wage-price freeze and a devaluation of the dollar.

Watching this week-by-week improvement in the market's tone, money managers at investing institutions who had been building up large reserves of cash evidently decided

they were more in danger of missing a rally than of being hurt by further declines.

There had been considerable concern, meanwhile, among Wall Streeters that the market might take a new spill if investors were disappointed by President Carter's anti-inflation message on Tuesday.

But even though Carter proposed no dramatic new steps, the market held fairly steady. International Business Machines' report of only a 2.7 per cent first quarter earnings gain at mid-week also seemed potentially upsetting to investors, but again the market took the news calmly.

By Thursday, stock prices had begun climbing. And once the advance began to gather

momentum, the economic news began to fall into place with a more cheerful look.

The dollar rallied in Europe, the Federal Reserve reported a much smaller rise in the money supply than most analysts had projected, easing fears of tighter credit, automakers posted strong early-April sales reports, and industrial production figures from the government were the best in a year.

The Stock Market's seeming revival isn't the only bright development for the securities industry lately. Figures compiled recently by the Fed showed that households — that is, individual investors — bought more common stock than they sold in 1977 after two decades of net sales.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Study your deep-rooted principles and apply them in your activities during the day. Take time to make plans to have greater abundance the days ahead. Exercise your special talents.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can put your finest talents to work now and impress others. Engage in recreational activities later in the day.

AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take steps that will improve your home and surroundings. Inviting interesting persons into your home brings fine results now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Go after that added data you need to make a new project successful. Strive for increased happiness in the future.

SCORPIO CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If you pay off all bills now, you can go ahead and make plans to have later abundance in the future. Be optimistic.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Develop that idea you have that could give added income in the days ahead. Stay at home tonight and rest up for the coming week.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Allow time for spiritual ideas that will reveal how best to live your life in the future. Take no risks with your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contacting good friends can assist you in gaining personal wishes in the future. Increased devotion to loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Contact influential persons who can help you in a new project you have in mind. Use care in motion.

CAPRICORN (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study the right steps that can guide your behavior in the future. The stars are favorable now for much happiness with mate.

AQUARIUS (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study the philosophy of life you want to follow in the future and then follow your intuitive perceptions. Relax at home tonight.

PISCES (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try to cooperate more with allies by understanding their ideas better. Improve your relationship with family members.

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Ford is hit with a string of legal actions over its pint-size - and deadly - Pinto

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (E.T.) — The Ford Motor Company's \$125 m. headache is growing worse. On the heels of the largest personal injury award in history -- to 18-year old Richard Grimshaw, for the burns he suffered when the Pinto "sub-compact" car in which he was riding burst into flames after an accident in Los Angeles -- the company is being hit with a string of new legal actions. They are all aimed at the hapless Pinto, which jury foreman Andrew Quinn described as "a lousy, unsafe product."

Mr. Quinn said the Los Angeles jury, in making this huge award, "wanted to make sure Ford wouldn't design cars this way again." The plaintiffs charge that Ford deliberately fitted the Pinto with poorly designed petrol tanks which ruptured on light im-

pact. The company knew the design was dangerous, jurors ruled, but went ahead with it anyway to cut costs.

Ford has already lost three similar Pinto fuel-tank cases recently, the largest award being three million dollars in 1976. Now it faces a class action suit to force the firm to recall 1971-76 Pintos at the company's expense, and a \$10 m. damage suit filed in a Fresno, California, court by the widow of a man whose Pinto burst into flames when rear-ended on the highway by another car.

The class action suit was filed in Los Angeles this month on behalf of some three million Pinto owners who are driving today with the allegedly dangerous tank. These and 20 other Pinto suits, pending against Ford, backed by nationally publicised findings of a Ralph Nader study declaring the car unsafe, have

Ford's compact Pinto car -- described by a jurymen as "a lousy, unsafe product" -- has landed the company with enormous damages, with more trouble to come. To cut costs, the manufacturers put the petrol tank behind the rear axle -- and in a smash the differential housing acts like a can-opener.

caused an uproar in the automobile industry.

Experts believe the \$125 m. punitive damages (with a further \$3.5 m. in compensatory awards) will be reduced on appeal. Ford officials call the sum "unreasonable and unwarranted," while the president of the American Insurance Association has denounced it as "cruel and unusual punishment."

But many Americans are welcoming the California jury's attempt to make the industry -- as Mr. Quinn puts it -- "sit up and take notice".

The company's own records, produced in court, showed that as early as 1972 (the year of Grimshaw's accident), Ford engineers reported, on the basis of a cost-versus-benefit analysis, that it would not be "cost effective" to make alterations in the controversial fuel tank, although extra protection measures could have been provided for about \$11 per car. One witness, Mr. Harley Copp, a retired Ford engineer critical of Pinto design, referred to Ford memos indicating that a delay of two years in making these changes could save the company millions of dollars.

But what may have tipped the balance in the jury's mind was a 1970 film, made by Ford, of the Pinto's last test before being declared roadworthy. The car was backed into a wall at 20 mph, "and the gas tank just seemed to explode," said one juror later.

"The fluid in that case wasn't flammable."

"But I thought, hell, that would have happened to those passengers if it had been gasoline. For me, that film was a turning point."

The case had been in preparation for six years. The trial has lasted six months. But it took the jury only a day and a half to reach its conclusion.

Since the car in which he was travelling was hit from behind on a California highway, young Grimshaw, who lost his nose, left ear and four fingers, and suffered burns over 90 per cent of his body, has undergone about 60 operations, and there are more to come. The driver of the Pinto, a 52-year old woman, died from her burns.

Car manufacturers began placing petrol tanks behind the rear axles of small, lightweight vehicles in the late 1960's as a cost-cutting measure. The design was intended to produce a cheaper car to compete with European imports. But most experts agree that it made the tank more vulnerable in even low-speed crashes. The Pinto was the worst offender, it was charged at the Grimshaw trial. "The tank was a mere three and

a quarter inches from the differential housing," said an attorney. "In a smash that housing acts like a can-opener."

Insurers are protesting vigorously against the soaring sums being awarded in personal injury cases these days. The insurance industry has mounted an aggressive publicity campaign to "alert Americans to the dangers". Advertisements in Time, the Wall Street Journal and other publications point to "windfall awards" -- 145 of them for more than one million dollars in the last five years -- and warn that the public, including jurors, will foot the bill through higher premiums.

But public feeling appears solidly behind the injured parties. "It is nothing short of criminal when the lives of millions of Americans are risked in the name of profit," wrote one Los Angeles Times reader recently. Another suggested that the jury's award in the Grimshaw case "may have been conservative", since the sum is roughly equal to Ford's profit for one recent month. The company set sales and earnings records in 1977 with a net profit of \$1.7 bn.

-- Financial Times News-Features

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Canada may soon have the largest commercial tidal power station

The world's first commercial tidal power station could be generating electricity in five years if a scheme to harness the largest known reserve of this form of energy gets the expected go-ahead.

By Kenneth Sharpe

OTTAWA, (WFS) — The Canadian Government is deciding whether to go ahead with a huge energy scheme to harness the world's largest reserve of tidal power, in the Fundy Bay area of Nova Scotia on Canada's Atlantic seaboard.

A positive decision seems more likely after a recent announcement by the country's Energy Minister, Mr. Allister Gillespie, that he is planning to spend a massive C\$55,000 m. over the next decade on developing Canada's energy resources, including tidal power.

its kind in the world and would represent a revolution in energy technology. So far only France and the USSR have tidal power stations in operation, both of which are experimental in nature and generate only minute quantities of power.

The output from the Canadian tidal power station would be 4,000 times greater than from the Russian one at Murmansk, the largest in operation at the moment.

Promising outlook

Premier Gerald Regan of Nova Scotia says the outlook appears promising. One of the considerations uppermost in his mind must be the prospect of 10,000 new jobs created by the project in one of the most underdeveloped provinces of Canada where the unemployment rate is one in four in some parts.

The Bay of Fundy is formed by a large breach in the land, separating Nova Scotia from New Brunswick. The Atlantic Ocean sweeps into the Gulf of Maine and around the southern tip of Nova Scotia almost 160 kms. up the Bay of Fundy, creating a powerful high tide of 10.8 metres at the top of the bay. That is exactly two metres higher than the world's second-largest tidal range, in Britain's Severn Estuary, where high tides reach 8.8 metres. There, too, a scheme to harness the power of the tide is under consideration.

Plans for the Fundy Bay tidal power project would involve constructing either one single dam eight kms. long across the bay or two smaller dams further up the bay where it divides into two sections.

The power output would be as high as 4,000 megawatts, comparing favourably with a modern-day conventional power station burning fossil fuel. Each megawatt of power generated would represent an investment of one million dollars. The estimate for the eight-kilometre dam is C\$4,000 m., and for the two

smaller dams, each producing 1,000 megawatts, C\$2,000 m. each. Therefore, on the balance sheet alone, the eight-kilometre dam appears better value for money, and it remains the most attractive of the alternatives, providing sales of energy to the United States can be ensured.

The advantages of eternally-renewable energy supplies are obvious and have been so ever since 1944, when the first serious study of harnessing tidal power in Canada was carried out. The 1973 oil crisis served as a reminder of those advantages and also increased the cost of fossil fuel to a point where the price of tidal power became competitive with conventional electricity costs.

Problems

Tidal power does, however, pose many problems. There are fears that the soft mud bottom of the bay might slowly silt up the turbines, gradually reducing output over the years. And the height of tides can vary substantially, producing large fluctuations in the output of the power station. Sometimes the electricity generated could be far more than necessary, and at other times the output could fall short of demand. Electricity consumers are unlikely to tailor their peak demand periods, such as cooking the evening meal, to suit a high tide.

One of the solutions to this sort of problem is to store the rising tide in artificial lakes which could keep the turbines rotating after the natural tide has receded. But an enormous amount of water would have to be stored. The engineers reckon that it would take 1,500 tons of water to generate one kilowatt of electricity.

Nevertheless, the engineers are ready to start work, and the world's first commercial tidal power station could be generating power in five years. Those who want Canada to pioneer tidal power technology argue that compared with a proposed expenditure of C\$180,000 m. on energy development over the next 20 years, the C\$4,000 m. bill for the Fundy Bay scheme begins to look like no more than a drop in the ocean.

Literature Quiz

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